

AB 240. (New) A method according to Claim 200, wherein the reference comprises identification of a starting location for the data.

241. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 214, wherein the reference comprises identification of a starting location for the data.

242. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 229, wherein the reference comprises identification of a starting location for the data.

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REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of Application No. 09/049,334 filed March 27, 1998 (the "334 Application"), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/063,692 filed October 27, 1997.

Claims 147 through 242 are pending, with Claims 197, 200, 205, 208, 211, 214, 219, 222, 225, 226, 229, 234, and 237 being independent. Claims 1 through 196 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 197 through 242 have been added.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative, John T. Whelan, at (301) 428-7172.


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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

Paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 13, line 16 and ending at line 29.  
A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

Referring to Fig. 2, the WebCast system [20] of the present invention consists of a back-end subsystem 22 which communicates with one or more multicast networks 24 (link C). The back-end subsystem 22 is connected to a plurality of web sites 18 (from which content is gathered) via a TCP/IP internetwork, such as the Internet 14 (links A, B). The multicast network 24 multicasts information retrieved from the web sites 18 to a plurality of receivers 26 over a high-speed link (F), such as a satellite or other high-speed (over 200 kbps) link. Each receiver 26 may be, for example, a personal computer in a user's home or business. However, the receivers 26 may also comprise set top boxes, digital televisions or other devices capable of receiving Internet content. Each receiver 26 is also preferably connected to the Internet 14 by a low-speed link (D), which may be, for example, dial-up modem, ISDN, two-way cable, or the like. Further, the present invention could be implemented with other TCP/IP networks other than the Internet, such as intranets.